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IT WAS after a record number of ballots at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco that James Middleton Cox, Governor of Ohio, was nominated by the party's delegates as candidate for the Presidency.

The "battalion of death" fought grimly, determined that William Gibbs McAdoo, the President's son-in-law, should not be given the nomination, patently the intention of a large and influential group of Pal-Federal office holders. The opposition to McAdoo, composed of Palmer and Cox adherents, bore bravely the repeated attempts to stampede the convention, and then, to end the deadlock, the Attorney-General released his supporters, these quickly swinging to the Ohioan.

All eyes will be turned to the Buckeye State as the campaign progresses for in it will be witnessed a tremendous political struggle. Governor Cox was thrice chosen governor of the state and Mr. Harding, the Republican candidate, was given a large majority in the Senatorial race.

Those who care for such speculation, and they are legion, are whispering, "If Cox carries Ohio, and Tammany is able to swing New York, and Indiana goes Democratic, and Hiram Johnson's friends turn down Harding—" or, on the other hand, "This is a Republican year, and the Democrats won't carry a state north of the Mason and Dixon line." Take your choice. It's going to be a great campaign.